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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, APRIL 27 PLENARY

BEGIN SUMMARY: PLENARY REMARKS APRIL 27 TENDED TO FOLLOW EMERGING PATTERN IN WHICH LDOS USED SECRETARIAT SUMMARY (TD/B/429) AS BASIS FOR ARGUMENT THAT DISAPPOINTING SHORTFALLS IN ATTAINMENT OF DEVELOPMENT GOALS LARGELY DUE TO FAILURE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MAKE REQUIRED POLICY REVISIONS. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ENDEAVORED TO BALANCE THE RECORD BY CITING SUCCESSES IN MEETING TARGETS AND SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF OWN CONTRIBUTION. END SUMMARY

1. NORWAY, IN ELOQUENTLY LOW- KEY STATEMENT, NOTED INCREASINGLY FREQUENT AND REPETITIVE BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE, REDUCING SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION GIVEN UNCTAD BY GOVERNMENTS, COMPLIMENTED SECRETARIAT ON INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED DOCUMENTATION AND INVITED CHINESE TO SHARE THEIR DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE WITH BOARD. NORWEGIAN DEL NOTED EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE

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PUBLIC OPINION OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ARE UNDERCUT WHEN POPULATION EXPLOSION ERODES EFFECTIVENESS OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THAT POLICY CHANGES MOST URGED ON BASIS OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR COUNTRIES MOST IN NEED. CITED MTN, MONETARY TALKS AND RECENT COMMODITY DEVELOPMENTS AS GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM AND STATED NORWAY PLANS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF GNP BY 1978 (HALF MULTILATERALLY) AND IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT BODY TO ENCOURAGE IMPORTS FROM LDCS.

2. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DEL CHARACTERIZED EC ENLARGEMENT AS STRIKING CONTRIBUTION IN LDC INTEREST CITING INCREASING IMPORTS FROM LDCS AND EC TRADE DEFICIT WITH LDCS. DESCRIBED INCREASING BENEFITS OF GSP IMPLEMENTED IN JULY '71 AND AFFIRMED THAT LDC INTERESTS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MTN.

3. USSR DEL EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT DECADE, SUCCESS OF WHICH HE SAID DEPENDED ON ATTAINMENT OF WORLD PEACE, GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND NORMALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. STATED USSR UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS INTERESTS OF LDCS IN REFORM, DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE AND MADE LENGTHY RECITAL OF USSR IMPORTS FROM, AGREEMENTS WITH, AND ASSISTANCE TO LDCS.

4. CHILE INTERVENED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 4 SINCE SANTA CRUZ HAD TO LEAVE FOR N. Y. BEFORE ITEM CAME BEFORE BOARD. WITH APPARENT REGRET THAT US HAD NOT YET SPOKEN, SANTA CRUZ NEVERTHELESS STATED LITTLE HE HAD YET HEARD CONTRADICTED HIS FIRST ALLEGATION THAT NO PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE. HE URGED MORE FUNDS BE PROVIDED FOR UNCTAD PUBLICITY EFFORTS OUTLINED IN TD/B/430, BUT EXPRESSED CHAGRIN OVER HERMANN KAHN ARTICLE IN FIRST ISSUE OF UNCTAD REVIEW WHICH WAS QUOTE ACTUALLY POSITIVE ON MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS UNQUOTE.

5. SPOKESMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE (ICA) SPOKE UNDER PROCEDURAL RULES GOVERNING UNCLASSIFIED

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTLINED ICA FUNCTIONS AND ROLE IN ITS COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT DECADE, WHICH MAINLY STRESSES MEASURES FOR AGRICULTURAL SECTORS.

6. POLAND, AFTER AFFIRMING JOINT STATEMENT OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (UNGA DOC 1874), EXPRESSED ANXIETY LEST UNCTAD EFFORTS BE FRUSTRATED BY MONETARY UPHEAVALS BEYOND LDC

CONTROL. CONCEDED OVERALL GNP GROWTH NEARLY ON TARGET,
REP NOTED PER CAPITA DATA NOT SO FAVORABLE AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT TRADE PREFERENCES WOULD LEAD TO IMPROVEMENT.
NOTING OWN DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE POSSIBLY USEFUL TO LDCS,
POLISH REP RECITED LITANY OF INCREASED TRADE AND ASSIS-
TANCE WITH LDCS, CLAIMED POLAND DELIBERA
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9. PAKISTAN, NOTING EXPORTS COMPRISE 20 PERCENT OF
ITS GNP, CITED INTERNAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN
TO STIMULATE GROWTH AND CARRY OUT REFORMS IN AREAS OF
LAND, LABOR, BANKING, HOUSING, ETC. HOWEVER, DOMESTIC
DEMAND REMAINED INSUFFICIENT AND EXPORT MARKETS AS
WELL AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT RELIEF CONSIDERED
ESSENTIAL. CALLED BENEFITS FOR LDCS FUNDAMENTAL GOAL
OF MTN AND URGED MONETARY REFORM TO (A) AVOID CRISES,
(B) ADOPT SDRS AS PRINCIPAL RESERVE, AND (C)
FACILITATE CAPITAL FLOWS TO LDCS.

10. COLOMBIA ADOPTED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED LATIN AMERICAN
VIEW THAT PROGRESS UNDER STRATEGY HAS NOT MET LEGITIMATE
ASPIRATIONS OF LDCS AND ALLEGED THAT LDC INTERNAL REFORMS
BEING BLOCKED BY LACK OF COOPERATION BY DCS. REFERRED TO
PREBISCH EXTERNAL STRANGULATION ARGUMENT OF GROWING
POPULATION, INADEQUATE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASING
EXTERNAL DEBT BURDEN. RECITED FULL LDC SHOPPING LIST OF
TRADE AND MONETARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY DCS.

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1. ROMANIA STRESSED OWN LDC STATUS AND CALLED FOR INTER ALIA FULL PARTICIPATION IN MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS, NO EXCLUSIONS FROM GSP, FORMULATION OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

12. AUSTRIAN DELEGATE SAID HIS COUNTRY FULLY ADHERES TO STRATEGY AND IN SUPPORTING CASE NOTED IT HAS FEW QUOTA RESTRICTIONS AND HAS IMPLEMENTED GSP. HE EMPHASIZED AUSTRIA'S AID THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.

13. ITALY'S REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT THE "THIRD GROUP" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERABLY BELOW ACHIEVING STRATEGY'S TARGET OF AN ANNUAL GROWTH OF 6 PERCENT ANNUALLY. (THREE GROUPS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SECRETARIAT'S REPORT ARE (1) PETROLEUM PRODUCERS (2) HIGH EXPORTERS OF MANUFACTURES (3) ALL OTHERS.) HE SUGGESTED POPULATION GROWTH RATES WERE HIGH IN THIS LARGE THIRD GROUP, AND THAT EXPORTS OF COMMODITIES ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEM. HE PROPOSED DIFFERENT STRATEGY HE DESIGNED FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

14. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF INFLATION AS PROBLEM FOR BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN LISTING AID PROGRAMS, IT NOTED 28 PERCENT OF ASSISTANCE WAS THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS. GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE CALLED ATTENTION TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S PROPOSAL TO DIVERT ONE PERCENT OF DEFENSE SPENDING TO DEVELOPMENT AID.

15. FINLAND IN NOTING IT HAD JOINED RANK OF DONOR COUNTRIES LATE SAID ITS AID IS RISING RAPIDLY.

16. THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATE'S SPEECH STATED PLANNING AND MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES HAS BEEN THE KEY TO ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND HE STATED IT WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING CADRES IN PLANNING SKILLS.

17. IRAN'S DELEGATE CALLED PROGRESS UNDER STRATEGY SADLY UNSATISFACTORY, GSP BITTERLY DISAPPOINTING AND BLAMED MONETARY CIRSES FOR NOT ONLY INCREASING LDC

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COSTS BUT ALSO RENDERING COST ESTIMATES IMPOSSIBLE. HE THEN ADDED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH HAD BEEN THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD OVER THE PAST DECADE. CALLED

FOR REVIEW OF ANTITRUST LAWS RE MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS AND SAID LDCS HAVE SPARED NO EFFORT, BUT
DCS HAVE GIVEN INADEQUATE PRIORITY TO DEVELOPMENT
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